

## MURPHY FAILS TO BOSS MCLELLAN, SO THEY'VE SPLIT

Mayor Is Determined to Have His Way in Choosing Aides.

CLASH IS A BITTER ONE.

Murphy Wants Woodbury to Go and Oakley to Stay and Mayor Says Nay.

NEW DEAL IN TAMMANY?

Several District Leaders Said to Be Ready to Boost Jimmy Martin for "Boss."

Mayor McClellan and Charles F. Murphy are reported on the best authority to have come to a parting of the ways. Furthermore, it is whispered that a few days will see official acts on the part of the Mayor which will leave little doubt of his attitude to the discredited leader of Tammany Hall.

The popular belief is that Murphy has made his stand against the Mayor on the removal of Street-Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury. Men on the inside are amused at this. The real test of strength between the Mayor and the leader, they say, will come over Water Commissioner John T. Oakley.

The Mayor's present mind is to retire Oakley, it is said. Murphy absolutely insists that Oakley be kept in office. Oakley while personally regarded by the Mayor as honest, is not regarded as competent for the work of the department he has headed for two years, and the Mayor is absolutely determined that no incompetents shall hold office under him during the next four years.

Let there be no mistake about Murphy wanting to get rid of Woodbury. He wants his scalp about as bad as he wants any man's, but he is more ardent over Oakley's retention than he is over Woodbury's removal.

District Leaders on Qui Vive. While Murphy has a pretty good grip on his leadership, there is no doubt that there is considerable dissatisfaction among the leaders over the present situation. They look to the Mayor for patronage to keep their district organizations together. They expect Murphy to get it from the Mayor for them. If Murphy quarrels with the Mayor the district leaders are not likely to have much patience with him.

Already there is talk of a new leader. This is premature, although the man most prominently mentioned, James J. Martin, is about the ablest and sandest man in Tammany Hall to-day and has long been regarded as the natural leader of the organization. By many men in Tammany Hall Murphy's fate as a leader is considered to be in the hands of the Mayor.

There has been much muttering among Tammany men for some time over the Mayor's disposition to regard his administration as more important than the wishes of Charles F. Murphy, and the word ingratitude has been frequently heard. The Mayor's friends say that he takes the view that he was re-elected in spite of Murphy and not because of him.

Peddlers on the Warpath. An east side Tammany district leader stated today to a reporter for the Evening World that if Woodbury holds his post the thousands of pawnshop peddlers comprising the East Side Pawnshop Peddlers' Association will openly oppose Tammany in the next election.

"These men are voters," said the district leader, "and are now antagonized with the several Tammany districts on the east side. They are opposed to Woodbury."

"We leaders simply cannot keep the boys together under present methods at the City Hall," he said. "If we were for the Mayor to assert his independence, but even it comes to absolutely ignoring the demands of the organization, then it becomes an affair of retaliation. At least that's the way lots of the boys are talking and among them are district leaders like myself."

Hostility Is General. The hostility against Commissioner Woodbury is general among district leaders. They declare that it is impossible to secure any consideration from Mayor Woodbury, no matter how worthy the application. "Woodbury hasn't a heart in him," said a west side leader. "I went to him to ask for the transfer of a man from the Bronx to the living away down town. The man wanted to be near his home so that he could save ten cents car fare a day. Woodbury told me that it would not only not transfer him, but if he learned that the man had asked me to interfere for him he would fire the fellow. Why, the Mayor stands for such discrimination against the organization that elected him is more than we can understand. If there was another Mayoralty contest within four weeks McClellan would be buried under an avalanche of opposing votes, and that's no dream."

The Mayor's selection of Parsons, a Republican, for the post of Park Department, and Edmund J. Butler, head of the Tenement-House Department, has also aroused Tammany. Commissioner Parsons has discharged Tammany men right and left and at the same time appointed two Republicans to good jobs in the department. Among the discharged employees were eight Tammany election district captains and when their respective leaders went to the Commissioner to apply for the reappointment of the men they were told that the men were cut to stay—that no influence could get them back. Commissioner Parsons signed that he was acting with the full sanction of the Mayor.

Angry at Butler. Commissioner Butler, of the Tenement-House Department, is likewise administering the affairs of his department without regard to Tammany. He has reduced a number of Tammany men while elevating men known to be politically opposed to the organization and has created a number of changes, anticipating reductions of the staff of inspectors and clerks. When appealed to by district leaders, anxious to have their men retained, Commissioner Butler has dismissed all intermediaries curtly.

## TUNNEL CAVES IN; TWO MEN MISSING

Hundred Feet of Pennsylvania Railroad Bore in Long Island City Drops.

HOUSES IN DANGER.

Water Main Broke and Flooded Hole, Making Death Certain for Those Caught.

A section of the roof of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel in Long Island City, nearly 100 feet long, caved in today shortly after a gang of men had gone to work. The weight of earth and the steel frame work broke a large water main and the tunnel was soon flooded.

It was reported that all of the men got safely out, but later it was noted that Foreman Charles McCann had not been seen coming out and that an Italian, whose name is not known, was missing. Inquiries sent to the homes of these men elicited the news that they had not been seen since they started for work at daybreak.

The cave-in occurred on East avenue, between Borden avenue and Third street. This is near the engineer's office and close to the main shaft. There was no warning of the collapse and the engineers are unable to explain it. The ground suddenly slipped down in the hole, carrying everything with it, and a moment later the water began to flow from the broken main.

A quick alarm was sent to the men who were working in the tunnel and they got out by another exit. If McCann and the Italian went out with them they must have left the vicinity at once, which is regarded as improbable. One of the most serious phases of the accident is its effect on the foundations of the houses in the vicinity. All of the ground between the tunnel and Newtown Creek is made ground and workmen had to shore up the houses. There is still grave danger of some of them collapsing as it was impossible to shut off the water.

The accident will delay the work on the tunnel. It has completely closed East avenue, one of the few asphalted streets of the section, to traffic.

## CATCH THIEF A WOMAN CHASED

She Found Him Carting Away a Bundle of Clothing from Her Rooms.

Ida Schwartz, who lives on the second floor of No. 95 Allen street, while entering her room about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, found a man about to depart with a bundle of her clothing. She grabbed the bundle and leaped down the stairway. Miss Schwartz flew after him, and as they emerged she was screaming for help.

The fellow had dropped the clothing before he left the hallway, but his pursuer would not be shaken off. As the pair rushed down Allen street a crowd of five hundred persons joined in the chase, including Patrolman Charles Hultgren, of the Eldridge street station, who is something of a sprinter. The fleeing man led his pursuers down to Delancey street and up Broome street to Eldridge, where he was tripped by the policeman. The captive said he was Frank Baker, of No. 12 Fulton street. The police say his picture is in the Rogues' Gallery.

In Essex Market Police Court to-day Magistrate Walker held Baker, who waived examination, in \$500 bail.

## INSPECTOR TOOK BAD BILL.

Everybody Is Joking Brooks at Police Headquarters.

Borough Inspector Brooks had to listen to a lot of sarcastic remarks around Headquarters about his knowledge of paper money.

He was in the box-office at the benefit held in the Grand Central Palace on Tuesday last for the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Somebody passed a \$5 counterfeit on him, and the fact only became known to-day. Magistrate Walker held Baker, who waived examination, in \$500 bail.

The benefit netted \$325.

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## JAIL BREAKER MAIMED, STILL MAKES ESCAPE

His Leg Broken He Drags Himself Away but Goes Back by Trolley.

(Special to The Evening World.) RAILWAY, N. J., Dec. 18.—With his leg broken in a drop from a wall of the reformatory here while breaking jail, a prisoner dragged himself a quarter of a mile in a desperate effort to escape.

A cellmate, who also made a break for liberty and was crippled with a maimed back, aided him for a time, but finally gave up and left the disabled man by the roadside. The fugitive, suffering intensely and unable to make further progress, halted a passing trolley car and was carried back to the reformatory.

His appearance was the first intimation the prison officials had that the two men had escaped, and a band of guards were sent out on a hunt for the second prisoner, but so far have not apprehended him.

All information of the jail breaking is withheld at the reformatory, even the names of the prisoners being refused. It is known, however, that the men escaped last night.

The reformatory is overcrowded, and there are two prisoners in many of the cells. The two who escaped were cellmates. They made a rope of the bed clothes and got onto the roof of the building by climbing through the skylight. Tying the rope to a chimney, they found it lacked several feet of reaching the ground, but took a chance and slid to the end, then dropped.

They lay quite helpless, one with his leg broken and the other suffering a bad jar of the spine. But they decided to try to get away, and with one supporting the other, made their way to Potter's farm, a quarter of a mile from the reformatory.

Here the prisoner with the broken leg almost collapsed with pain, and he decided to go back to jail. The other, with this understanding, made off. The crippled prisoner dragged himself to the tracks of the trolley that runs past the farm, and as a car approached cried out. The trolley stopped, explained matters, was taken aboard, and when the reformatory was reached carried to the door and left with the prison officials.

## F. BACHMANN ARRESTED.

Italian Police Charge Young New Yorker with Theft.

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 18.—The police here have arrested Frederick Bachmann, of New York, who is said to have been an accomplice in a theft of \$5,000.

Bachmann is nineteen years old.

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## LAWYER IS HELD AS EMBEZZLER

Seguine Refused to Pay Debts Against Mrs. Woods's Estate Out of Insurance.

Esra K. Seguine, for thirty years a well-known member of the Jersey City bar, was held in bonds of \$1,000 by Police Judge Higgins in Jersey City to-day on the charge of embezzlement of the funds of the late Mrs. Jane Woods, of No. 92 Wayne street.

Just before Mrs. Wood died, in 1902, she made Seguine executor of her estate. The Order of Daughters of Liberty, of which she was a member, paid into Seguine's hands \$300 in insurance. A physician and an undertaker filed claims amounting to over \$200, but they alleged Seguine would not satisfy them.

Seguine was cited to appear and show cause why he should not be proceeded against, but it was said he had left the State. Last Monday he was found at his home, No. 82 East Thirty-fourth street, Bayonne, and arrested. To-day he pleaded in defense that he still held the \$300 belonging to the Woods estate, and that no charge of embezzlement could therefore be made against him. Judge Higgins said his refusal as administrator, to pay just debts made it a prima facie case case, and held him for the grand jury. Seguine gave bail.

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